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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Assistant Director for Basic Intelligence  
**SUBJECT:** Status of National Security Programs  
on 30 June 1956

Enclosed is the report on the NIS Program requested by  
your memorandum of 22 June 1956, subject as above.

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE SURVEY (NIS)

NIS production during the year exceeded the yearly goal set for the program by the JCS, and brought the total of the NIS produced thus far to nearly 3,300 sections, which represents more than 60% of the total world coverage. Major effort continued on the JCS high priority areas on which coverage is now over 85% complete. Emphasis was also given to the highly important NIS Chapter I (Brief). The number published was nearly double that of the previous year. All NIS contributing agencies continued their strong support of the NIS Program, and their field collection results showed improvement.

In addition to regularly scheduled production the NIS on Antarctica was produced to satisfy a priority requirement of OCB for basic intelligence on Antarctica to serve as a basis for policy discussions relating to negotiations on the existing, or potential rights of this Government in that area.

The trend continues to utilize the NIS in ever increasing measure to reflect new, or changing requirements in the basic intelligence field, and the NIS Outlines are expanded, or modified as appropriate to cope with these developments. The most significant of such developments in the past year was the activation of a program on International Communism with the mission of conducting greatly expanded research in this field, and production of comprehensive basic intelligence on this complex activity under the NIS Program.

During the next three years it is expected that the NIS Program will fully meet the JCS requirements providing the NIS contributing agencies maintain their capabilities at the present levels. This would result in 80% coverage of world areas by 30 June 1959, and the revision of at least 20% of all published NIS under the maintenance program.